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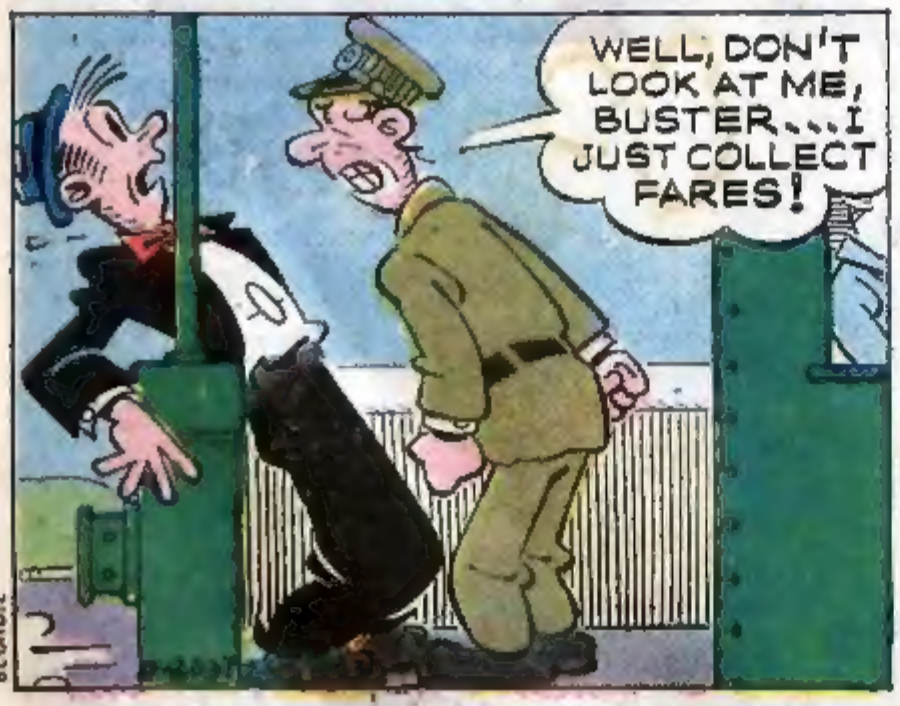

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THIS IS THE END!

I'LL CLEAN OUT MY DESK AND THEN BID GOODBYE TO ALL MY FRIENDS AROUND THE OFFICE!

BOO-HOO!

WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU, DAGWOOD!

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL WORKING WITH YOU FOLKS ALL THESE YEARS!

BOO-HOO-HOO!

HONK!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY!

I'M NOT WORKING FOR THE J.C. DITHERS AND COMPANY ANYMORE!

I'LL READ THRU THE WANT ADS AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY JOBS OPEN!

DON'T WORRY NOW, DEAR, WE'LL GET ALONG SOMEHOW!

WHERE'S DAGWOOD?

DID YOU FORGET, MR. DITHERS?..YOU FIRED HIM AND THEN HE RESIGNED!

HOW COULD I DO A SILLY THING LIKE THAT? I COULD NEVER GET ALONG WITHOUT THAT SWEET KNUCKLEHEAD!

DAGWOOD!

MR. DITHERS!

YOU KNEW I DIDN'T REALLY MEAN TO FIRE YOU, DEAR BOY, DIDN'T YOU?

SURE, MR. DITHERS — AND YOU KNEW I DIDN'T MEAN TO RESIGN!

IF YOU TWO ARE GOING TO HANG AROUND HERE ALL DAY, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET TO WORK HOUSE CLEANING!

QUICK! BACK TO THE OFFICE!

WE'LL PUT YOUR THINGS BACK IN YOUR DESK AND GET YOU SETTLED AGAIN!

GEE, IT'S SURE GOOD TO BE BACK ON THE OLD JOB!

NOW THEN...WHAT WERE WE QUARRELLING ABOUT BEFORE THAT INTERRUPTION?

THE END

DAGWOOD in THE DAY OFF!

THIS IS MY DAY OFF, AND I'M JUST GOING TO LIE HERE ALL AFTER-NOON AND SOAK UP MOTHER NATURE'S SALUBRIOUS SUNSHINE!

I'LL BET YOU ENVY ME, HERB — JUST LYING HERE DOING NOTHING BUT SOAKING UP THE SUN'S RAYS!

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HOW ABOUT A GAME OF GIN-RUMMY, DAGWOOD!

NO, THANKS, HERB... I JUST WANT TO LIE HERE AND DO NOTHING!

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MR. DITHERS!

BLONDIE, WHERE'S DAGWOOD? I NEED HIM AT THE OFFICE RIGHT AWAY!

HE'S OUT THERE SOAKING UP SUNSHINE!

SO HE IS! DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE — BE QUIET NOW! I'LL SNEAK UP ON HIM OR HE'LL GET AWAY!

I'VE GOT YOU!

Z

WHAT HAVE I DONE? I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK!

YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS...THIS IS MY DAY OFF!

HELP! HELP!

TAKE ME BACK TO MY OFFICE AT ONCE AND STEP ON IT!

TAXI

HELP! HELP! I'M BEING SHANGHAIED!

AW... PIPE DOWN!

TAXI

HI THERE, OFFICER ~~ THERE'S NOTHING THE MATTER ~~ THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE LITTLE FAMILY THINGS! HA-HA-HA!

HELP! HELP!

STOP WORRYING, DAGWOOD ...WE'LL GET SOME WORK DONE, AND WE'LL SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR SUNSHINE BESIDES!

I'LL PUT IN A 300-WATT BULB ...NOW YOU CAN PRETEND IT'S THE SUN!

I HAVEN'T ANY SUNGLASSES!

AWHILE LATER...

DAGWOOD, HOW ABOUT KNOCKING OFF FOR THE DAY? WE CAN WORK TONIGHT WHEN IT'LL BE COOLER!

GREAT! YOU'RE THE BOSS — NOW I CAN GET OUT IN THE SUN AGAIN!

IF ANYONE WANTS US WE'RE IN A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AND UNDER NO CONDITIONS ARE WE TO BE DISTURBED — UNDERSTAND?

YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO THE BEACH!

YES, MR. DITHERS ...IF YOUR WIFE CALLS, YOU'RE BUSY!

I HATE TO DO THAT, BUT CORA'S BEEN AFTER ME TO GO SHOPPING AND I'VE BEEN GIVING HER THAT OLD DODGE ABOUT HAVING TO WORK!

THAT BRAIN OF YOURS IS ALWAYS GOING FULL BLAST!

HOW SWEET OF YOU TO ASK US, MRS. DITHERS... WE'LL BE READY WHEN YOU GET HERE!

THE BEACH IS THE ONLY PLACE TO BE ON A DAY LIKE THIS...

GREAT! I'LL GET ALEXANDER!

WE'LL STOP AT THE OFFICE... MAYBE WE CAN TALK DAGWOOD AND JULIUS INTO COMING ALONG!

WONDERFUL! IT WILL DO THEM BOTH GOOD TO GET AWAY FOR A CHANGE!

I'M SORRY, MRS. DITHERS... THEY SAID THEY'D BE IN CONFERENCE ALL DAY AND LEFT EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO BE DISTURBED!

WE TAKE OUR HUSBANDS TOO MUCH FOR GRANTED.. THEY GIVE SO MUCH AND ASK SO LITTLE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, CORA, WORKING... SLAVING IN A HOT OLD OFFICE...

WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT ABOUT?

LET'S GO AND SEE!

HOORAY

MAYBE IT'S SOME CELEBRITY!

THE DEAR BOYS RISKED THEIR LIVES!

OH THANK YOU! YOU'RE A REAL HERO FOR SAVING OUR BALL... WE'D GIVEN IT UP FOR LOST!

BOSS, TELL ME WHAT I SEE ON THE BEACH BEHIND US IS ONLY A MIRAGE!

SMACK

STAND STILL SO I CAN HIT YOU...

YOU WORM!

CORA, I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

SHE'S A REAL SWINGER!

AND AS FOR YOU, DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD, WE'LL HAVE A NICE LONG TALK WHEN WE GET HOME!

I CAN'T GET DRESSED TILL MR. DITHERS GETS BACK ...HE HAS THE LOCKER KEY!

ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS SIT IN THE SUN TODAY — NOW ALL I CAN GET IS A MOON BURN — WHAT A MAN TO WORK FOR!

The End

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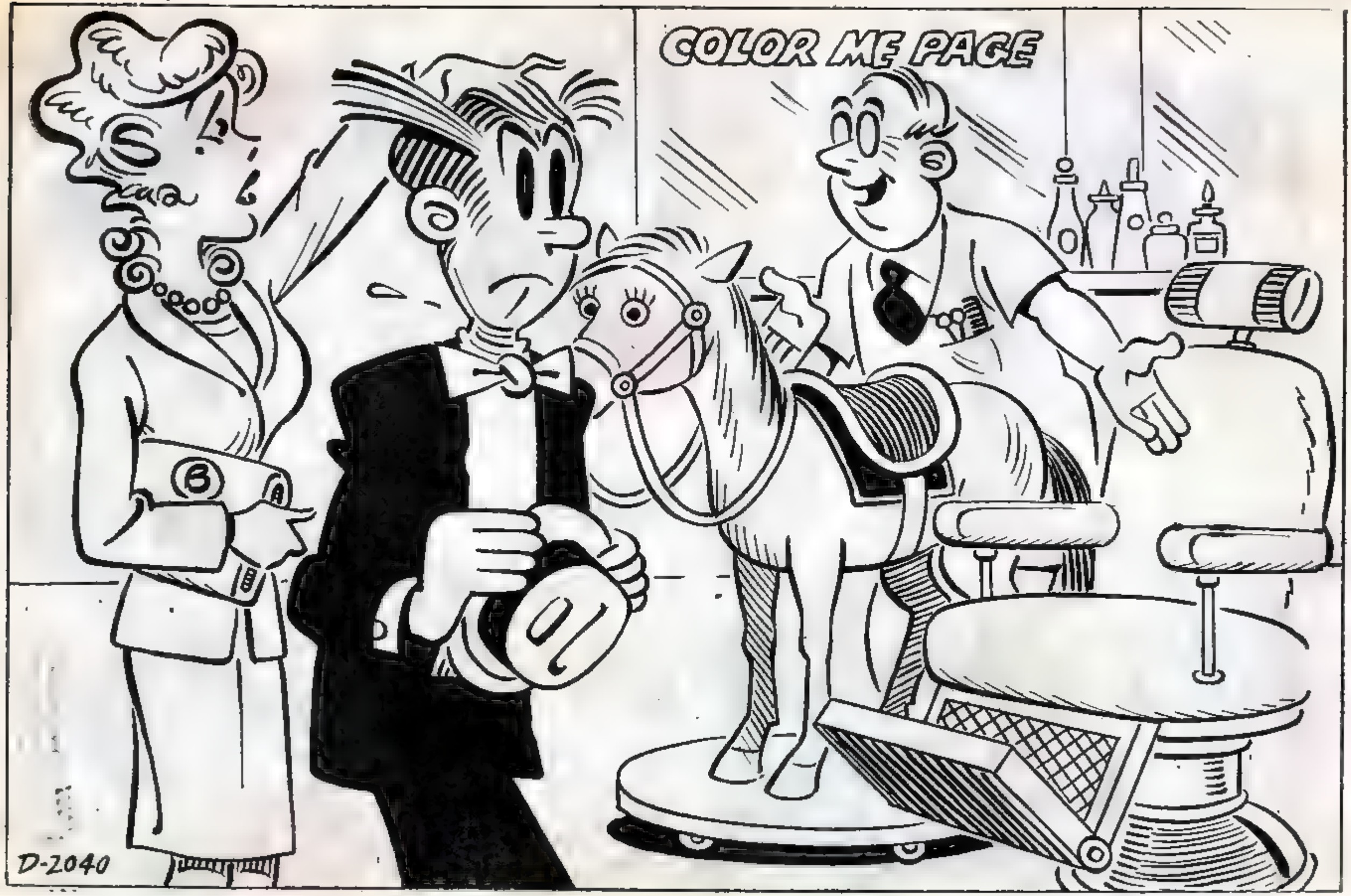

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DAGWOOD

GOLLY... I FORGOT WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO GET!

D-2039

...ER... AH... IT WILL COME TO ME IN A MINUTE....

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE HOME A POUND OF GROUND ROUND, SOME PORK CHOPS AND CHICKEN LIVERS!

YEH... HOW DID YOU KNOW?

YOUR WIFE PHONED AND TOLD ME!

I DON'T KNOW WHY BLONDIE TREATS ME LIKE A CHILD... UNLESS I DESERVE IT!

THE END

BLONDIE "REST PERIOD"

TODAY WE'LL WASH THE WINDOWS, WAX THE FLOORS AND CLEAN THE ATTIC!

SWISH

THAT'S ALWAYS A SURE WAY TO GET THE SOFA WHEN I WANT TO TAKE A NAP!

THE END

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BLONDIE® in... SHOPPING SPREE

PLEASE, DEAR, MEET ME HERE BY THE ESCALATOR AT EXACTLY FOUR O'CLOCK!

BLONDIE, DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE HERE WAITING FOR YOU!

WE'LL, MAKE SURE TO BE ON TIME, BECAUSE I'VE GOT TO GET HOME AND TAKE THE ROAST OUT OF THE OVEN!

NOW STOP WORRYING...I PROMISED YOU I'D BE BACK HERE AT FOUR!

I LOVE TO SNOOP AROUND THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS — I'LL HAVE A PEEK AT THE MEN'S DEPARTMENT FIRST!

D-2035

I HAVE A NEW SHIPMENT OF NEW BELTS THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE, MR. BUMSTEAD!

THESE BELTS ARE MADE FROM THE UNDERBELLY OF THE MAN KILLING ECUADORIAN BOA CONSTRICTOR!

THAT'S ODD... ONE OF THE BELTS DOES NOT HAVE A BUCKLE ON IT!

WE'LL, KEEP THE LID ON THE BOX UNTIL I GET OUT OF HERE!

EXCUSE ME ~ COULD YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT?

SURELY!

JUST GO DOWN THIS ISLE, FOUR COUNTERS AND TURN RIGHT — YOU CAN'T MISS IT!

THANK YOU!

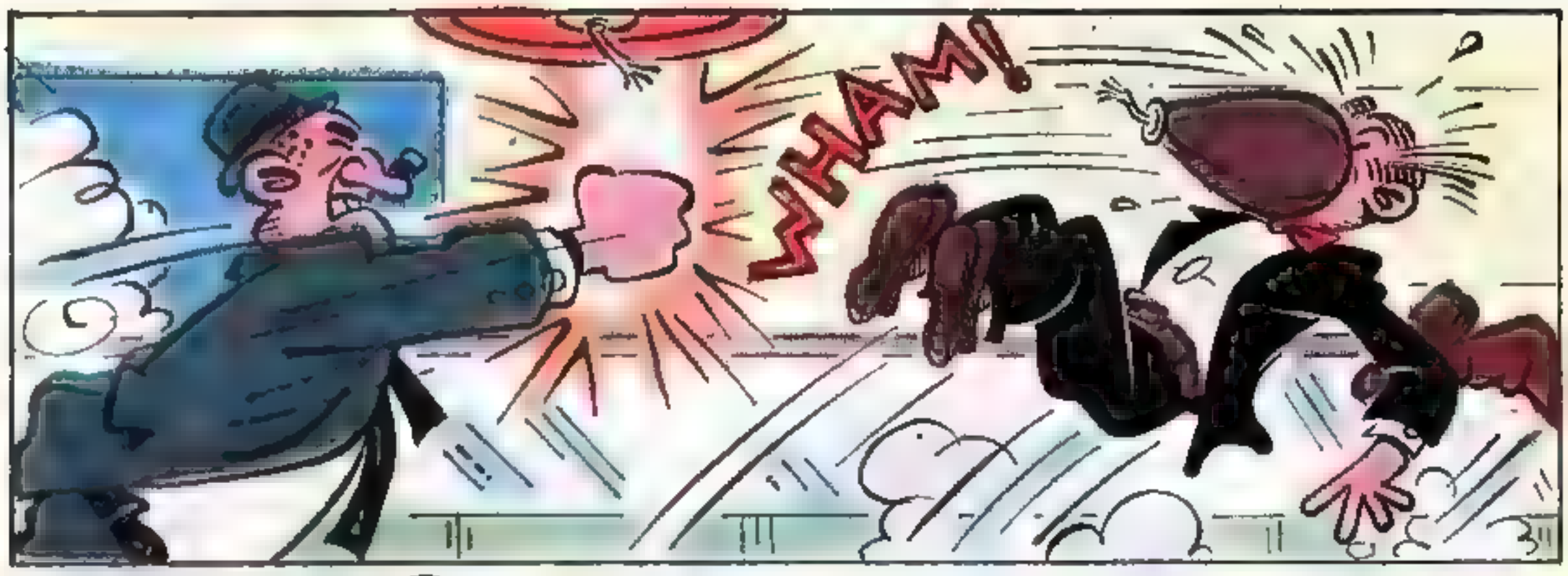
IT'S ON SALE TODAY ...CARE TO TRY IT? GO AHEAD POKE AT IT!

GO AHEAD — GIVE IT A FEW WHACKS — YOU'LL SEE HOW WELL IT'S MADE AND IT'S ONLY $15.95!

HOW'S THIS?

YOU HAVE A NICE TOUCH!

STEP ASIDE YOU AMATEURS, LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO PUNCH A BAG!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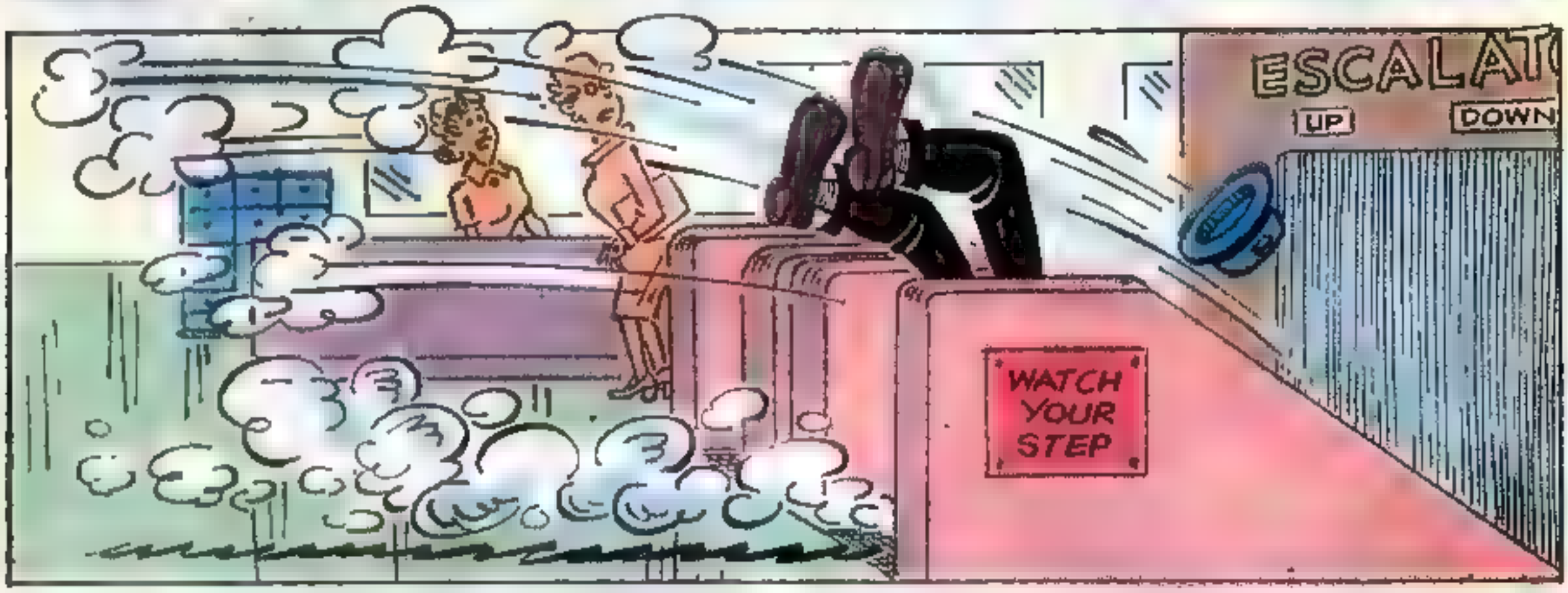
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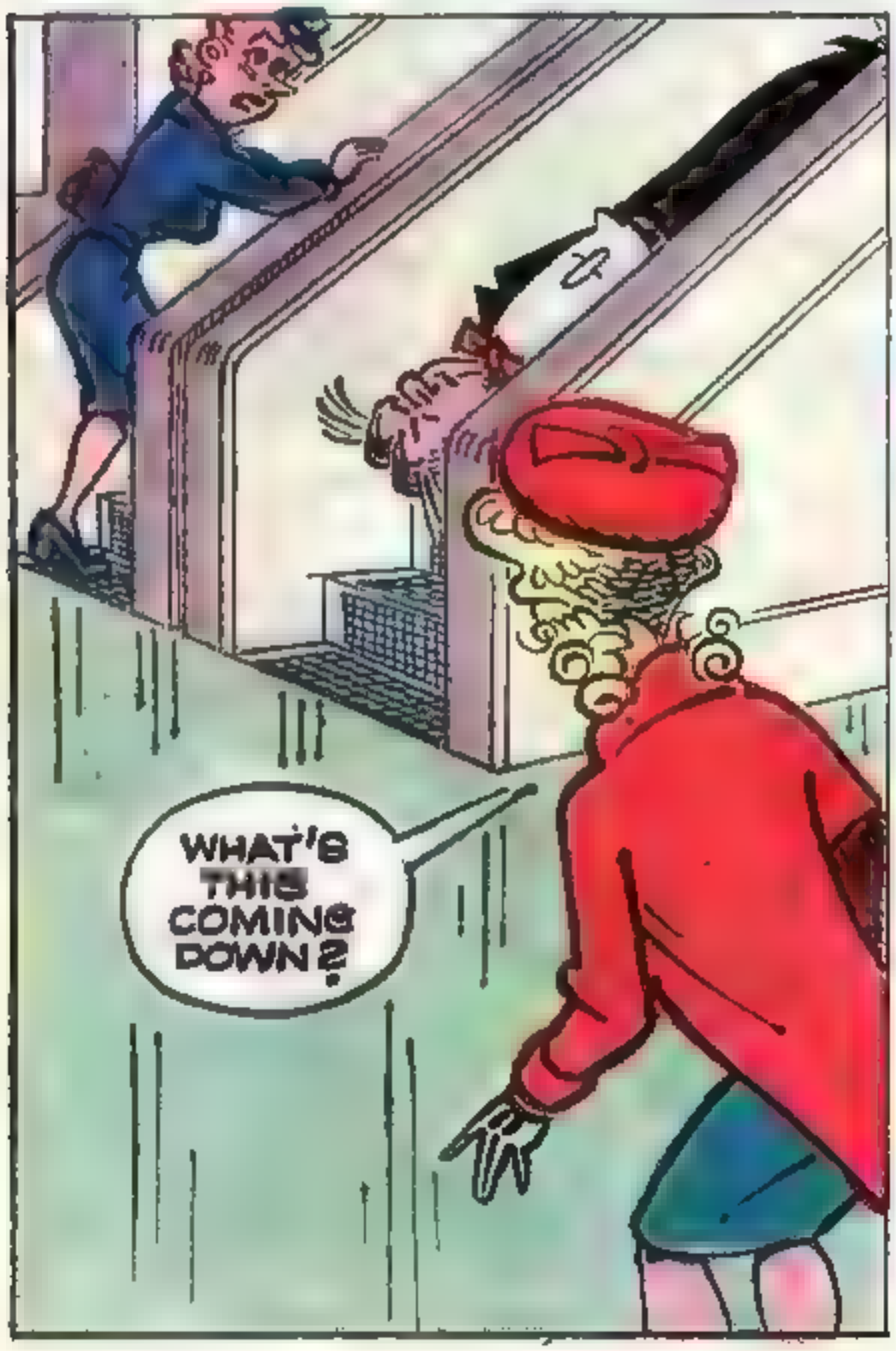
WHAT'S THIS COMING DOWN?

WELL AT LEAST HE'S PROMPT~~~IT'S EXACTLY FOUR O'CLOCK! YOU CAN GET UP NOW, DAGWOOD!
THE END

DAGWOOD®

in

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK!

I'M GETTING UP AN HOUR EARLY THIS MORNING SO I WON'T HAVE TO RUN FOR MY BUS!

GOOD FOR YOU!

I'M SO PROUD OF YOU, DEAR...ISN'T IT NICE NOT TO HAVE TO RUSH?

Z-Z

BUS STOP

Z-Z

I ONLY DO THIS FOR MY BEST CUSTOMERS!

D-1951

MR. BUMSTEAD... WAKE UP... IT'S TIME TO GO HOME!

Z-Z-Z

Z-Z

Z-Z-Z

I WONDER WHY IT IS I CAN'T SLEEP NIGHTS!

The End

BLONDIE

in

SWEET DREAMS

I CERTAINLY ENJOYED OUR DINNER IN THAT ITALIAN RESTAURANT TONIGHT!

OH, MAN.. WHAT A MEAL!

HOT-PEPPER PIZZA, SPICED MEAT BALLS, GORGONZOLA CHEESE AND GARLIC BREAD!

HOW CAN I FALL ASLEEP WHEN I REALIZE THAT AT ANY MOMENT YOU MAY BURST INTO FLAMES!

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GEE, I LEAD AN INTERESTING LIFE WHEN I'M ASLEEP!

THE END

WHEN MAMA WAS A GIRL

DAUGHTER, YOUR MOTHER AND I HAVE DECIDED THE TIME HAS COME WHEN YOU SHOULD MARRY...

YES, PA-PA!

WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING A YOUNG MAN WHOM WE HAVE KNOWN SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD...

YES, PA-PA!

HIS FAMILY IS EMINENTLY RESPECTABLE AND TODAY WE CONFERRED WITH THEM!

YES, PA-PA!

WE HAVE DECIDED THAT A YEAR FROM NEXT CHRISTMAS YOU WILL BE MARRIED TO MR. FREDERICK PERCIVAL VAN WEEMISH!

OH, THANK YOU!

I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU SELECTED MR. FREDERICK VAN WEEMISH AS MY HUSBAND — FOR A LONG TIME I HAVE BEEN NURSING A GUILTY SECRET...

D-198F

ONE NIGHT, A YEAR AGO — FREDERICK HELD MY HAND!

BUT TODAY...

OH, I BEG YOUR PARDON... AM I INTRUDING?

NOT AT ALL MOTHER...

THIS IS FREDDY WHOM I MET AT THE DANCE LAST EVENING!

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU — WE WERE MARRIED THIS MORNING!

THE END

PAUL FUNG JR.

BLONDIE

WHAA! BOO-HOO!

ELMO... WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

A BIG MEAN BULLY HIT ME!

WELL, WHY DIDN'T YOU HIT HIM BACK?

HIT MY OWN FATHER?

D-1953

End

LAUGH a LOT

Car Cracks

As long as people drive automobiles, it is reasonable to assume that there will be all kinds of stories about people and cars. Some of them are funny. And some are so sad we shed a tear or two. We are only concerned with the humorous side of driving. We tell you some of the tales we have heard during the past year.

Why a husband would want to teach his wife to drive a car is something we do not understand. But this husband did it. Even though all his friends had but the same one comment: "You'll be sorry. Wait and see. We told you so."

The wife had come home from shopping. Was putting the fine new car into the garage. Husband was home reading his newspaper. He had just finished the financial section when he heard a terrible crash. He ran outside. And he could hardly believe what he saw: His wife had crashed the car through the back of the garage. And she wasn't even hurt as she ran towards him.

"All your fault," she scolded him first. "You forgot to tell me what can happen when you go into reverse instead of park!"

True, there are all kinds of wives and mothers. This mother did not want her husband to teach junior how to drive. She was against it one hundred percent. Her husband came home. No car in the garage.

"Where's junior and the car?" he wanted to know.

"That all depends," she said calmly, "If you taught him well, he and the car will be back in ten minutes. If you didn't, then the car is in a ditch and junior is walking home. So wait ten minutes more to find out."

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Are You Crazy?

Human nature is said to be a most peculiar thing. We do something to another person and think nothing at all about it. But let that person do the same thing to us - and we can get very angry. This is a true story and happened in my home city.

There had been a strike of cab drivers. They were told that if they went back to work, their grievances would be adjusted. And one of their demands was an increase in the fare they charged. One week went off the calendar. Then another week. And then a third week. Finally at 2 A. M. in the morning, an angry cab driver managed to get the phone number of the home of his council man. And he called him up right then and there.

"What's the matter?" he demanded. "No action as yet on that bill to increase fares. Prices are going up. You were elected by my vote. I want action."

The bewildered council man managed to collect his thoughts.

"You woke us all up at 2 A. M. in the morning. I have three children. They got up. My wife is a school teacher. She got up. And I have had very little sleep. Give me your phone number. I will call you and let you know what I am going to do about the bill."

At 3 A. M. the same morning, the council man then called back on his phone , the taxi driver.

"I am going to vote in favor of the bill calling for an increase in taxi fares," he told a sleepy taxi driver who had just been awakened by the ringing of the phone.

"You must be crazy to call me this time of the morning," said the voice at the other end of the phone.

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What Color?

She was a very famous woman in society. One of her sons had been an Ambassador. Another had been a Senator. And the third had been a Supreme Court Judge. One of her grandsons was a famous inventor. And just now she was visiting her grandson who was the govenor of the state.

She had an automobile license to drive a car. But she always was the passenger. She had five chauffers at her command. And on this morning she decided to drive that $10,000 car all by herself. She was a calm woman and there wasn't heavy traffic on the main street of the capital city. Then she came to a five-way crossroad. The signal was red. She stopped. Then it turned to green. She did not go ahead. Then it turned to yellow. She was still there with her car. Then it turned to white - walk. And she actually waited for another round of signals.

The motorists in back of her were understandably impatient. Some honked their horns. Some even called out to her to get moving. One even wanted to know if anything was wrong? Could he be of help to her? Then a policeman appeared on the scene. He spotted the special emblem on her car and was very polite.

"I assume that you just can't decide what color light suits you best," he said gently. "You tell me what color you like. And you may move on it.

"I like yellow best," she smiled. "Just bought a new dress of the same color."

So the policeman held up his hand. Stopped all traffic as she went on her way - on the yellow traffic light.

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